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To: Senator Tory Rocca, Chair of the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee,  
And Committee Members

From: Marie Hansen,  Michigan Alcohol Policy Promoting Health and Safety

Re: SB 885 and SB 901

Very briefly, we continue to be concerned about the passage of these bills that expand the availability of alcohol without regard for health and safety, often in relationship to sporting events. We believe we are creating an environment where alcohol is everywhere. This results in creating misperceptions about its use. About a third of the adult population does not consume any alcohol and another third uses it very moderately. Having it available at every venue imaginable makes it appear way more important than it is.

This week is also senior week at the Capital. SB 885 proposes to make alcohol more available to seniors. We are particularly concerned about this because seniors are more at risk for developing problems with alcohol because their bodies metabolize alcohol faster than they did when they were younger. This is true of youth also which puts them more at risk.

We hope that you will seriously consider the wisdom of passing these bills. Thank you for your consideration.